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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

TO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2819

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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TAGS: ETRN, EAID, TZ, ZA

SUBJECT: TANZAM ROAD MAINTENANCE

REFERENCE: LUSAKA 582

1. FORD REPS OVER- DRAMATIZED BRIEFINGS RECEIVED EMBASSY AND USAID AND COMPLETELY INACCURATE ON CERTAIN FACTS.

2. STERLING ASTALDI CASE MENTIONED REFTEL CONCERNS FRAUD CHARGES AGAINST SEVERAL FORMER CIVIL SERVANTS AND OFFICERS OF NAIROBI BASED CONSTRUCTION FIRM. CASE REVOLVES AROUND MONEY PAID OUT FOR MAINTENANCE ALLEGEDLY NOT DONE ON OLD TANZAM ROAD DURING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SECTION OF HIGHWAY. HAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH NEW HIGHWAY.

3. MAINTENANCE ON NEW ROAD IS PROBLEM THAT TANGOV HAS NOT FULLY FACED UP TO AS YET; OVERLOADING DOES OCCUR AND IN OUR JUDGMENT HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME LOCAL FAILURES. TANGOV HAS BEEN WARNED OFFICIALLY IN WRITING BY USAID THIS MATTER. ROAD DESIGNED CARRY AXLE WEIGHTS 18,000 LBS. HEAVIER LOADS WILL CAUSE DETERIORATION IN ROAD. THIS IS ESSENCE OF BRIEFING GIVEN FORD REPS. DAR.

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4. EMBOFF HAD IMPRESSION FORD NOT COMPETITIVE IN TRUCK SIZES SPECIFIED BY ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA. FORD REPS. TRIED OUT ARGUMENT HERE THAT SINCE ROAD WOULD NOT STAND UP UNDER WEIGHTS POTENTIALLY HAULABLE, GOVERNMENTS OF ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA MIGHT BE WELL ADVISED TO SEEK TRUCKS OF SMALLER SIZE. EXAGGERATIONS OF ROAD PROBLEMS BY FORD REPS., THEREFORE, MAY BE INTENTIONAL.

5. POUCHING LUSAKA LATEST ROAD MAINTENANCE REPORT.  
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